

THE OFFICAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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# COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS:

Board of Supervisors, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman

Economic & Community Development Chairman

Parks, Energy, and Environment

Transportation, Public Works and Transit

Milwaukee County Commission on Aging

Milwaukee County Child Welfare
Partnership Council

### Dear Friends:

I want to start out by saying how thankful I am that the voters of Franklin, Hales Corners and Oak Creek re-elected me by such a wide margin. The voters made it clear that they will reward those who fulfill their campaign promises and that negative campaign tactics do not work. I look forward to serving the residents of the 9th District for the next two years.

Starting May 18th, the Sprecher Traveling Beer Garden will begin making its way around Milwaukee County. It will once again visit Froemming Park in Franklin and, for the first time, Hales Corners Park. You can find a complete schedule later in this newsletter.



Supervisor Taylor takes the oath of office for his second term on the Milwaukee County Board on April 18th.

There are many summer activities that take place in Milwaukee County, so please feel free to contact my office with any questions and, as always, any concerns that you may have. I will continue to strive to *Move Milwaukee County Forward!* 

All My Best,

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# FRANKLIN BALLPARK COMMONS

Earlier this month, the City of Franklin's proposed Ballpark Commons project took a step forward. The city's Common Council voted, 5-1, to amend the city's comprehensive plan, changing the zoning status of the land where the proposed project would be located from residential and transportation to mixed-use. This zoning change ordinance allows two years for project developers to comply with 39 conditions in order to retain the amended zoning status. The project is currently planned to include a 2,500-seat minor league stadium, which would host UWM's baseball team, an indoor sports complex, a "sports village", as well as a number of highend apartment buildings.

This \$100 million proposed project has been characterized as "arguably, the most significant project that Franklin has had to think about over the past two decades." There are still a number of hurdles that proponents will have to face, including a thorough review by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a discussion about financing – this could include the development of a tax increment financing district and scheduled payments in lieu of property taxes. The proposed project will take place at the site of The Rock Sports Complex, at the northwest corner of Rawson Avenue & 76th Street.

# **RED WING SHOES RIBBON CUTTING**

On April 7th, Supervisor Taylor celebrated the ribbon cutting at the new Oak Creek location of Red Wing Shoes. The location of this new location is 8901 South Howell Avenue, just south of Puetz Road. Red Wing Shoes is a well-respected national brand that specializes in heavy duty leather and steel-toe boots for work and recreation, as well as more fashionable footwear options. Congratulations and good luck to the proprietors of the Oak Creek location of Red Wing Shoes!



# **COUNTY BOARD UPDATES**

As previously mentioned, Supervisor Taylor won re-election to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on April 5th with 60 percent of the vote. Supervisor Taylor is appreciative and thankful for the continued trust and confidence that the residents of the County's 9th district have placed in him. The 2016-2018 term of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors officially began on Monday, April 18th. At this meeting, Supervisor Taylor was re-elected 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board by his colleagues with a vote of 16-2. As a result of state legislation passed in 2013, the composition and structure of the County Board will undergo change beginning this term. Since Milwaukee County supervisors are now considered "part-time", supervisor's salaries have been lowered and they are no longer eligible to purchase County health insurance or accrue pension credits. The term of office for supervisors has also been amended from four years to two years. Even though the Board's budget and role has been reduced, Supervisor Taylor's office has developed a plan to ensure timely and effective responses to constituent requests and questions.

At the end of the 2012-2016 term, a number of supervisors either retired or moved on to either different elected offices or to the private sector. Congratulations to the newest members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors: Sequanna Taylor (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Sheldon Wasserman (3<sup>rd</sup>), Marcelia Nicholson (5<sup>th</sup>), David Sartori (8<sup>th</sup>) and Dan Sebring (11<sup>th</sup>).







Come celebrate a Milwaukee tradition with your friends, family, and neighbors in your parks! Featuring Sprecher Brewing, Co. craft beer, gourmet soda, delicious snacks, and more.

Celebrate the kick-off of each stop on opening day with our ceremonial keg tapping, LIVE LOCAL MUSIC and FREE BEER and ROOT BEER while it lasts!

## **ROLL OUT THE BARREL TOUR**

### May 18 - June 12

**Root River Pkwy near Whitnall Park** 

92nd St. & College Ave. by Picnic Area #1, Greendale



# **June 15 - July 10**

**Grant Park** 

100 E. Hawthorne Ave. by Picnic Area #5, South Milwaukee





# **July 13 - Aug. 7**

**Greenfield Park** 

2028 S. 124th St. by Picnic Area #3A, West Allis



# Aug. 10 - Sept. 16

**Root River Pkwy near Whitnall Park** 

92nd St. & College Ave. by Picnic Area #1, Greendale



### PASS ME A PINT TOUR

May 18 - May 30 **Juneau Park** 

Prospect Ave. & Kilbourn Ave., Milwaukee

June 1 - June 12 Kletzsch Park

6798 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy., Milwaukee

June 15 - June 26 **Froemming Park** 

8801 S. 51st St., Franklin

🜇 June 16th: Beer Garden 5K beergarden5k.com

PHC Classic

Aug 19th-Aug 21st

June 29 - July 10 **Holler Park** 

5151 S. 6th St., Milwaukee

**July 13 - July 24 Red Arrow Park** 920 N. Water St., Milwaukee

July 27 - Aug. 7 **Hales Corners Park** 

5765 S. New Berlin Rd., Hales Corners

**Brown Deer Park** Aug. 10 - Aug. 21

7625 N. Range Line Rd.

LPGA Tournament by Clubhouse, Milwaukee

Aug. 24 - Sept. 5 **Doctors Park** 

1870 E. Fox Ln. by Picnic Area #3, Fox Point



88Nine Radio Milwaukee

Ive Music: All Stops Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 5:00pm - 8:00pm



Mon-Fri: 4 pm - 10 pm Sat, Sun & Holidays: 11 am - 10 pm Last call at 9 pm



# WHITNALL PARK OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

Saturdays & Sundays September 24 - October 30, 2016

Root River Pkwy near Whitnall Park 92nd St. & College Ave. by Picnic Area #1, Greendale

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# WEHR NATURE CENTER

## **Adult Scavenger Hunt**

Saturday, May 21st 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

It's your turn to hit the trails with a GPS and a set of clues. Teams answer riddles, collect items and solve a puzzle to earn points for alcoholic beverages and great prizes. So, if you are up for some friendly outdoor competition, get a buddy or three and join us for the scavenger hunt like no other. This event is \$20 per person, \$15 for Friends of Wehr. The price includes activities and 2 alcoholic beverages. 21+ only. Click here for more information.



Still looking for more to do?
Please click here for the entire
Milwaukee County Parks
Event Calendar

# Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



FREE the first Thursday of each month!

Free for all visitors. Visit mam.org for additional details.





Special Holiday Free Days: Thanksgiving, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Visit milwaukeezoo.org for additional details.



# **BOERNER CORNER**

### **Boerner Free Days!**

Celebrate the 77<sup>th</sup> year of Boerner Botanical Gardens with free admission! First Tuesday of every month through September Begins Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 8th Annual Art at the Gardens Fair

Sunday, May 1st 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

This annual event features a unique selection of handmade jewelry, garden art, photography, artwork and more! Over 20 local artists and crafters will be showcased. Parking will be free. For more information, contact Jennifer at (414) 525-5653 or click here.

### **Chinese Brush Painting**

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Discover the connection between Chinese culture and nature! Learn the basics of Chinese brush painting as you create a one-of-a-kind painting using this traditional art form. All supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is preferred – and, there's discounted rates for families! Click here for more information.

### 2016 Herb Fair

Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Herb Society of America Wisconsin Unit invites you to join them at their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Herb Fair. Enjoy the sights, scents and tastes at this celebrated summer event. Interested in becoming a vendor or have any questions? <u>Click here!</u>

# FRANKLIN ARBOR DAY

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Franklin Public Library 9151 West Loomis Road

The City of Franklin and the Franklin Environmental Commission will be distributed trees in honor of Arbor Day. Tree saplings will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis to city residents at the Franklin Public Library's park lot. Supplies are limited, so be sure to arrive early!